toll revenue, as per the per km toll rates fixed by the Government, collected by the concessionaire and retained by them.

Under BOT (Annuity) mode, the Concessionaire is required to meet the upfront cost of the construction and the expenditure on annual maintenance for the concession period. The cost of project is recovered through Annuity payment (semi annually). However, the toll revenue is collected by the Government.

(d) BOT (Toll) mode is advantageous to Government as the risk of traffic growth and recovery of revenue lies on the private entrepreneur who raises fund to build and operate the projects and therefore, lower Government funding is required to implement it.

Four laning of NH-44

3929. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the work of four laning of National Highway-44 extending upto Sabroom of Tripura;

(b) the reasons for the works of the National Highway from Manu of Tripura to Sairang of Mizoram not going on well and getting halted very often therefor;

(c) whether Government are going to set up an effective monitoring mechanism in respect of the above two works; and

(d) if so, the details of the programme thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The entire stretch of NH-44 in Tripura from Churaibari to Sabroom has been included in Phase 'B' of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme-North East, which has been approved by the Government only for preparation of Detailed Project Reports. Preparation of Detailed Project Report from Churaibari to Agartala section is in progress and for Agartala to Sabroom section, bids have been received by National Highways Authority of India for appointment of the Consultants.

(b) Restoration work from Manu to Laldinabari and in 10 km length out of 29 km from Kanchanpur to Tripura/Mizoram border is under progress. Border Roads Organisation has informed that in the remaining length, the road is not in existence and entering in this militant infrested area without dedicated security is not possible.

(c) and (d) Progress of works is reviewed by Border Roads Organisation from time to time. Further, the Ministry has prescribed, in March, 2007, that from April, 2007 onwards quarterly reveiw/monitoring of National Highway works executed by Border Roads Organisation would be held in the Ministry.

NHs in the NER

3930. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways in the North-Eastern Region and their identification;

(b) the NHs included during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(c) the status of works of these new NHs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) 29 National Highways, namely: NH-31, 31A, 31B, 31C, 36, 37, 37A, 38, 39, 40, 44, 44A, 44E, 51, 52, 52A, 52B, 53, 54, 54A, 54B, 61, 62, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154 and 155 are serving the North East Region.

(b) During 2005-06 and 2006-07, no new National Highway has been included in the North East Region.

(c) Does not arise.

NHAI plans to combat HIV/AIDS

3931. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI have finalized plans to combat HIV/AIDS;